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Dear Sir:

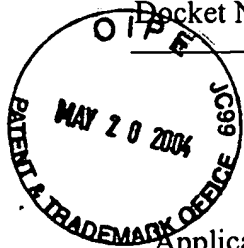
Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 4 references.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 4 references that are also enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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